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SUBJ: MERRILL LETTERS TO GALLAGHER ON TUNISIAN PROJECTS

TO: EZRA MERRILL
AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL
20 EAST 46TH STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017
TELEX: 238523

1. HAVE FINALLY GOT TOGETHER INFORMATION REQUESTED IN YOUR
LETTERS TO MIKE GALLAGHER, WHO AS YOU KNOW CURRENTLY ON LEAVE IN
STATES.

2. FERID MOKHTAR STATED STIL WOULD PURCHASE QUOTE AT
THE PRICE FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT, ALL MILK DELIVERED TO IT AT
BEJA UNQUOTE. HE DID NOT REPEAT ALLUDE TO ANY QUALITY PREMIUM
OR OTHER TYPE OF PRICING SYSTEM.

3. DOUB BUTCHART HAS PROVIDED A COPY OF DON TAYLOR'S
PROPOSAL, WHICH IS BEING MAILED TO YOU AND WE WILL HAND A COPY
OF IT TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DELEGATION ON ITS ARRIVAL JULY 26.
BUTCHART ALSO PROVIDED FOLLOWING CORRECTED INDUSTRIAL MILK OUTPUT
STATISTICS, WHICH I BELIEVE HE OBTAINED FROM JABEUR:
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JUNE/SEPTEMBER 1974-MILK, 42,270 TONS; YOGHURT (IN 170 GRAM
UNITS), 61,659 UNITS. JUNE/DEPTEMBER 1976-MILK, 41,052 TONS;
BUTTER, 115 TONS; CHEESE, 296 TONS; YOGHURT (IN 170 GRAM UNITS),
73,656 UNITS. IT APPEARS YOU HAD CORRECT FIGURES IN YOUR LETTER,
BUT THEY WERE INCORRECTLY EXPRESSED.

4. AS FAR AS PROPOSED PAPER CARTON PROJECT IS CONCERNED, DRIDI

AT BDET SAYS HE HAS QHECKED AROUND AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO
UP-TO-DAYE STUDY ON SUCY E.

5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO UPCOMING ABC/AMAGRA MISSION VISIT JULY 26-
AUGUST 3 AND CONCRET RESULTS IT MAY PRODUCE. REGRET THAT YOU
APPARENTLY CANNOT BREAK AWAY TO JOIN GENE AND THE GROUP. BEST
REGARDS. HARRY MONTGOMERY.

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
TUNIS, TUNISIA.
MULCAHY

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